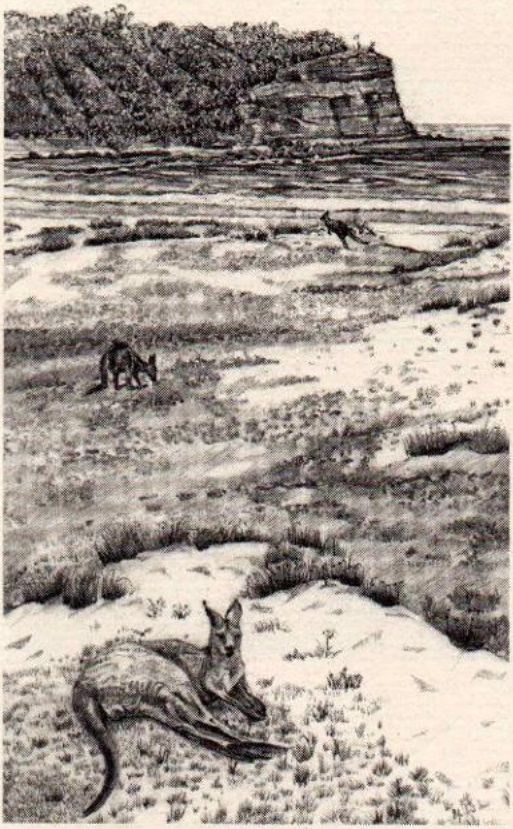
VISITOR GUIDE

Murramarang
National Park



Eastern grey kangaroos are commonly seen at Pebbly Beach in Murramarang National Park.

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Murramarang National Park

DESCRIPTION

Murramarang National Park protects over 2 100 ha of coastal land between Kioloa and Batemans Bay on the State's south coast. Four offshore islands – Wasp, Grasshopper, Dawsons and O'Hara – are also included in the park, which is divided by the villages of South and North Durras.

Murramarang offers visitors a wide range of activities including swimming, surfing, fishing, picnicking, bushwalking and nature study. The hinterland walk to Durras Mountain (283 m) is very popular as it leads to spectacular views of the adjacent coastline and inland ranges.

The park's largely undisturbed coastline with its sandy and shingle beaches, rugged headlands, tombolas, rock stacks and fossil-bearing rocks provides visitors, students and scientists with a rich environment to explore.

The extensive forest in the park is home to many animals. Eastern grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies and an occasional red-necked wallaby can be seen at dawn and dusk when they feed. Common birdlife includes parrots, finches, honeyeaters and a variety of sea birds.

Spotted gums with an understory of burrawangs form the main plant community in the park. In the sheltered gullies around Durras Mountain rainforest pockets can be found.

CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

People wanting to stay overnight in and around Murramarang National Park have a wide variety of camping and cabin accommodation to choose from. Those that are within or immediately adjacent to Murramarang National Park are listed below starting with the northern-most camping facilities and moving southwards. Please refer to map inside for their locations.

- Merry Beach Caravan Park (02) 4457 1065.
- NPWS Pretty Beach Camping Area (02) 4457 2019.
- NPWS Pebbly Beach Camping Area (no caravans). Bookings for summer school holidays start on the October long weekend – phone (02) 4478 6006. Outside this time, camping is on a first-come basis.
- Pebbly Beach Cabin Accommodation (leasehold inside park) (02) 4478 6006.
- Pebbly Beach Cabin Accommodation (private inholding) (02) 4478 6023.
- NPWS Depot Beach Camping Area and Cabins (02) 4478 6582.
- Durras Lake Nth Caravan Park (02) 4478 6072.
- Joalah Caravan Park (Durras Nth) (02) 4478 6012.
- Bundilla Caravan Park (Durras Nth) (02) 4478 6013.
- Durras Lake Sth Lakesea Park (02) 4478 6122.
- Murramarang Caravan and Camping Resort (Sth Durras) (02) 4478 6355.

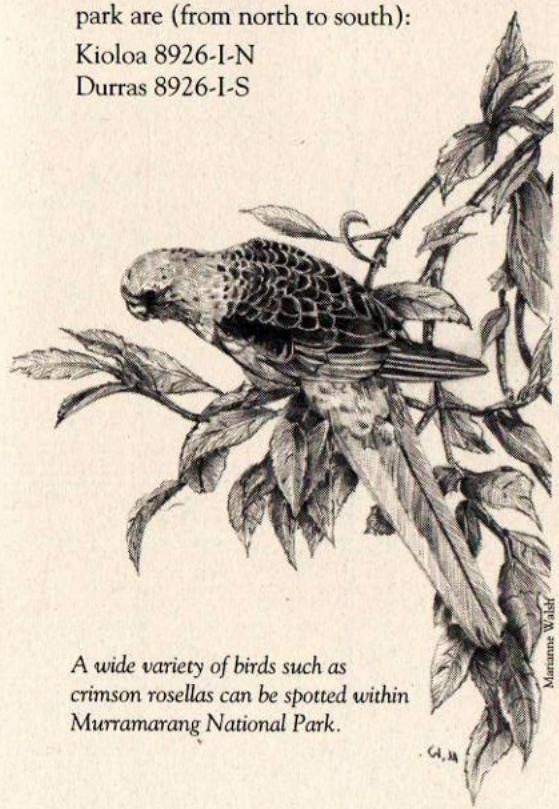
BUSH CAMPING

Bush camping in the park is only permitted 100 m away from the coastline, any road, walking track or parking area and 500 m from any picnic area, camping area or village. At North Head there is a bush campsite with vehicle access and minimal facilities.

MAPS

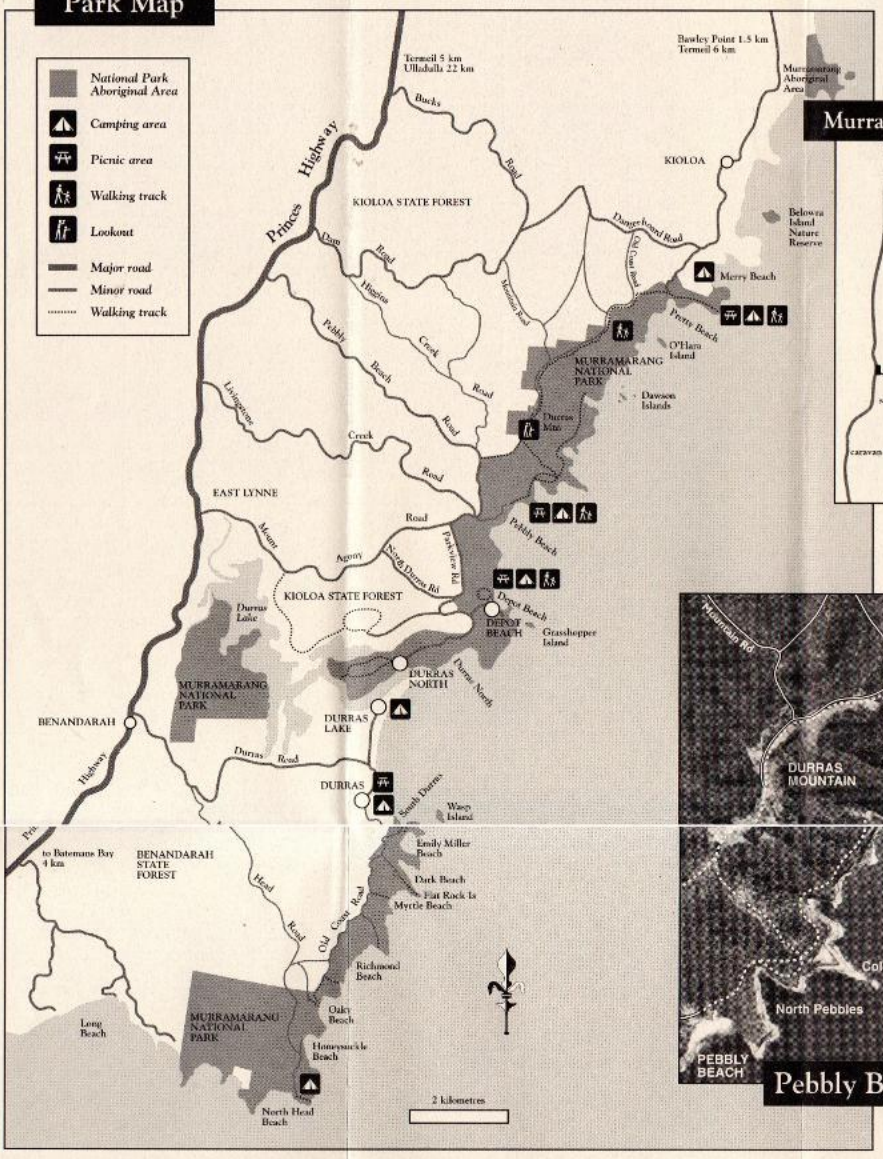
The CMA 1:25 000 maps which cover the park are (from north to south):

Kioloa 8926-I-N
Durras 8926-I-S

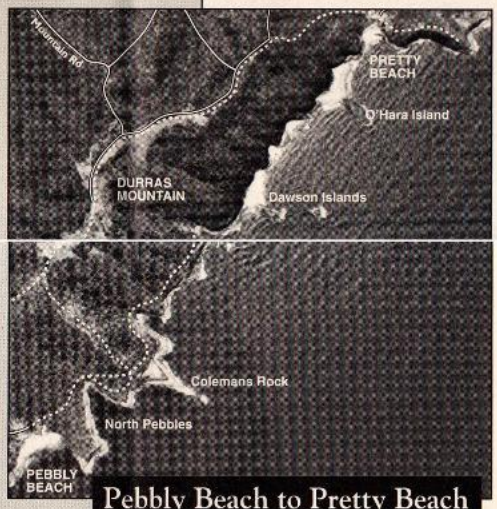


A wide variety of birds such as crimson rosellas can be spotted within Murramarang National Park.

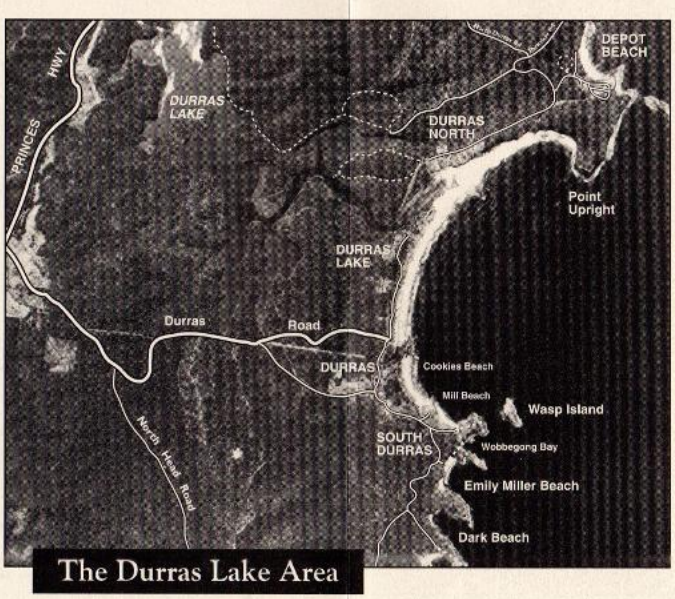
Park Map



Murramarang Aboriginal Area



Pebbly Beach to Pretty Beach



The Durras Lake Area

The Pebbly Beach area is a major attraction for many visitors to Murramarang National Park. Not only is the area noted for its kangaroo population, it offers access to a range of coastal walking tracks. The aerial photograph above indicates the type of terrain you can expect to encounter along these walks. (Please note that vegetation features may have changed since this photo was taken.)

Coastal areas in Murramarang National Park provide valuable habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals including birds such as the New Holland honeyeater. Nectar-feeding birds are particularly common in the park during spring when many coastal plants come into flower. As summer progresses, they tend to move inland to take advantage of the later flowering season of many plants along the escarpments.

MURRAMARANG ABORIGINAL AREA

Murramarang Aboriginal Area is located just north of Murramarang National Park (see map inside). The reserve protects an archaeological site, known as a midden, containing evidence of long-term Aboriginal occupation. The site is important because of its large size and diversity of cultural remains. It has provided a wealth of important information on the antiquity and complexity of the traditional Aboriginal coastal dwellers.

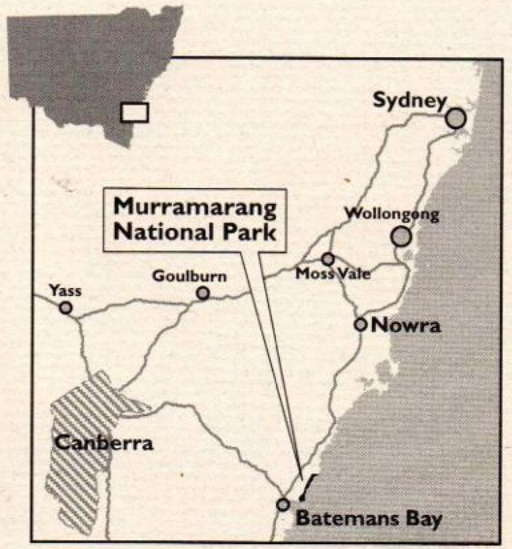
To local Aborigines, the area is a tangible link with the past and a place where their ancestors were sometimes buried. For them, the lagoon to the north of the headland is home to a serpent associated with traditional beliefs about the creation of the land.

Murramarang Aboriginal Area is a popular destination for people interested in Aboriginal culture. To assist visitors in appreciating what can been seen at the site, a self-guided walking track has been constructed. Informative signs are located along the track.

The track is reached by walking along the public reserve from the car park and entering through an opening in the fence. It follows the headland from south to north. The return route is via a vehicle track beside the fence back to the beginning of the self-guided walk.

Remember to keep to the walking track, do not collect anything from the site and leave your pets at home.

LOCATION



The park is located 280 km south of Sydney, 150 km east of Canberra and 10 km north of Batemans Bay. Access is via the spur roads heading east from the Princes Hwy north of Batemans Bay (see map inside).

Further information

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Overview

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Kilometres

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North Head area

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Kilometres

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Wasp Head area

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Pebbly Beach area

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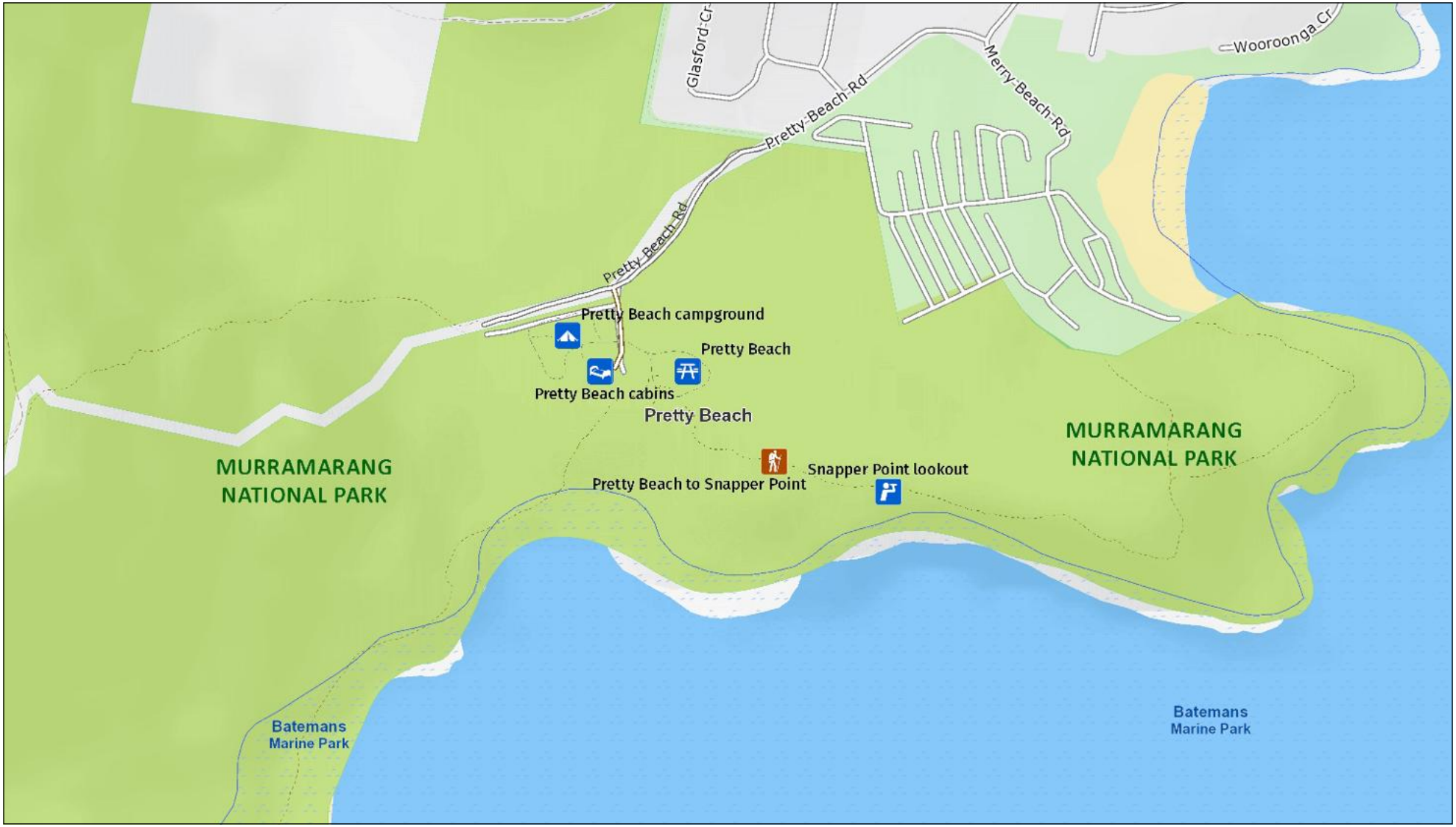
Pretty Beach area



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Depot Beach

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Feature Park/section

Other NPWS reserve

Mount/Peak/Hill

Waterfall

Track

Management trail
(no motor vehicle access)

Motorway

Primary road

Arterial road

Sub-arterial road

Distributor road

Local road

Sealed road

Unsealed road

Feature route

Railway

Watercourse

Waterbody

Marine Park/
Aquatic Reserve

Firearms range/
Danger area

Attractions and activities

Aboriginal site

Adventure sports location

Birdwatching spot

Boating location

Campground

Canoe/Kayak location

Cave entrance

Fishing spot

Historic site

Lookout

Snow sports facility

Surfing spot

Swimming spot

Visitor centre

Canoe/Kayak route

Car touring route

Cycling trail

Horse riding trail

Snow trail

Walking track

4WD touring route

Facilities

Accommodation

Boat ramp

Café/kiosk

Education centre

Picnic area

Venue

Transport

Train station

Bus station

Ferry wharf

Airport

Warnings

Gate – may be locked

Warning

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